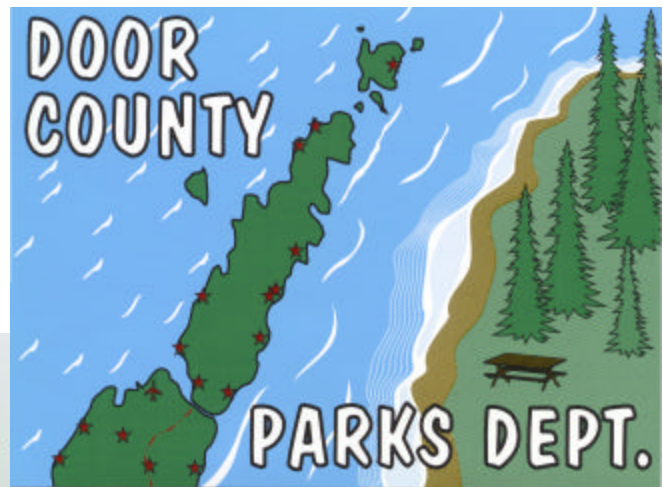


# 2005 ANNUAL REPORT



**CARMODY PARK  
OPEN JUNE 2005**



**OLDE STONE QUARRY  
REDEVELOPMENT  
STARTED SUMMER 2005**



**OLDE STONE  
QUARRY PARK  
REDEVELOPMENT  
6 LANE LAUNCH  
SAFE HARBOR  
OPEN SUMMER 2006**



# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DOOR COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

COUNTY BOARD



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



AIRPORT & PARKS COMMITTEE



PARKS DIRECTOR  
*GEORGE K. PINNEY*

JOHN MILES PARK  
COMMISSION-ADVISORY



PARKS LEAD WORKERS  
1 FULL TIME – *STEVE SIMONAR*  
1 – 7 MONTH SHARED / AIRPORT – *JOHN WHITE*

SECRETARY  
SHARED / AIRPORT  
*DENISE DENIL*



9 SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

## DOOR COUNTY PARKS FACILITIES

### **AHNAPEE STATE TRAIL**-12 miles

City of Sturgeon Bay to County "X" ( south county line)  
Hiking, Biking, Equestrian,  
Nature Study, Snowmobiling  
Access at Forestville Dam County Park, Hwy 42 in  
Maplewood and 1900 S Neenah Ave in Sturgeon Bay  
Toilet facilities at Sturgeon Bay and Forestville access

### **BAILEYS HARBOR RIDGES PARK**-30.01 Acres

Town of Baileys Harbor  
Wildlife Sanctuary/Hiking Trails  
Sand Beach /Swimming Area  
Parking-25 cars  
Toilet Facilities

### **CAVE POINT COUNTY PARK**-18.6 acres

Town of Sevastopol  
Picturesque Shoreline Cliffs  
½ Mile Hiking Trail  
Picnic Area/Parking-20 cars  
Toilet Facilities, Well

### **ROBERT M CARMODY COUNTY PARK**- 6.4 acres

Town of Gardner  
6 Lane Boat Launch/Parking 28 vehicles  
Toilets, Fishing Pier, Picnic Area

### **CHAUDOIRS DOCK** - 5 acres

Town of Union  
Protective Breakwater Dock  
Boat Launch Facilities  
Picnic Area/Parking-30 cars  
Toilet Facilities

### **DOOR BLUFF HEADLANDS**-155 acres

Town of Liberty Grove  
Preserved in Natural State  
Hiking Trails/No Facilities

### **ELLISON BLUFF COUNTY PARK**-174 acres

Town of Liberty Grove  
Bluff Overlooking Green Bay Shore  
Hiking Trails

Picnic Area/Parking -15 cars  
Toilet Facilities

### **JOHN MILES COUNTY PARK**-60 acres

City of Sturgeon Bay – Soccer fields, Fairgrounds  
Playground, Parking, Toilet Facilities, Municipal Water  
Pavilion Available for Special Events

### **FORESTVILLE DAM PARK**-79 acres

Town of Forestville  
Mill Pond, Adjacent to Ahnapee Trail  
Access to Ahnapee River  
Pavilion  
Dock/Boat Ramp/Fishing  
Picnic Area/Parking-20 cars  
Toilet Facilities

### **LYLE-HARTER-MATTER SANCTUARY**-40 acres

Town of Jacksonport  
Wildlife Area-Completely Wooded  
Preserved Natural Marsh Area

### **PERCY JOHNSON MEMORIAL PARK**-5.23 acres

Town of Washington (Washington Island)  
Sand Beach/Swimming  
Picnic Area/Parking-10 cars  
Toilet Facilities, Well

### **ROBERT LASALLE PARK**-23.47 acres

Town of Clay Banks  
Historical Site  
Playground/Beach Access  
Picnic Area-Parking-50 cars  
Toilet Facilities

### **LILY BAY COUNTY PARK**-1 acre

Town of Sevastopol/Sturgeon Bay  
Boat Launch Facility Only  
Parking-10 cars

### **MERIDIAN COUNTY PARK**-92.03 acres

Town of Jacksonport  
Halfway Between Equator & North Pole  
Picnic Area/Parking-5 cars  
Toilet Facilities, Well

### **FRANK E MURPHY PARK**-14 acres

Town of Egg Harbor  
Sand Beach/Swimming  
Dock & Boat Launch  
Playground/Volleyball Court  
Picnic Area/Parking-55 cars  
Pavilion  
Toilet Facilities, Well

### **OLDE STONE QUARRY**-9 acres

Town of Sevastopol  
Boat Launch, Dock Fishing  
Parking-40 cars  
Toilet Facilities  
Redevelopment in process – Reopen August 2006

### **SUGAR CREEK COUNTY PARK**-40.8 acres

Town of Gardner  
Boat Launching & Picnic Area  
Picnic Area/Parking-15 cars  
Toilet Facilities  
Launch Currently Closed Due to Low Water

### **TORNADO MEMORIAL PARK**-2.61 acres

Town of Gardner  
Historical Marker  
Picnic Area/Parking-10 cars  
Toilet Facilities, Well

# **DOOR COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT**

## **2005 YEAR IN REVIEW**

In 2005 we completed our fifth year overseeing the State Snowmobile Program in Door County. Our responsibilities include inspecting the trails for safety and proper signage, informing the public as to when county trails are open or closed, overseeing the disbursement of state funds to the 7 local clubs and submitting annual grant requests to the state for the clubs. Door County has 212.9 miles of State funded trails. The 2004-2005 season budget of state funds handled for this program were \$53,225.00. Our parks web site provides updated trail conditions on the Internet plus year round park information. We continue to make improvements to our web site allowing request form downloads for various park uses.

Discussions continued through out the year with the Bureau of Land Management concerning the eventual transfer of Cana Island to Door County. The process is currently going through an appeal and decision phase. These discussions have been ongoing since 1997.

Several leaks in the Junior Fair building roof were repaired and the ceiling was insulated. Numerous groups used the John Miles County Park during 2005 including the Door County Soccer, 4H Horse and Pony Shows with Wednesday and Thursday practices, the Jaycee Haunted House, Northeast Wisconsin Karting Association LLC (NEWKA), with Monday practices and Thursday night races, Thunderhill Raceway with Saturday stock car races, dog training programs, YMCA flag football and numerous small events plus the 5 day Door County Fair in early August. The park was also used for private picnics, several banquets, and the Shrine Circus. The Junior Fair building was used for hockey practice in the fall of the year prior to good ice skating conditions.

Traffic counters revealed the following visitors for the year.

Cave Point - 261,051

Ellison Bluff - 72,394

Murphy - 124,380

The first annual Door County Triathlon was held in late July at Murphy Park. Over 600 participants swam, biked, and run in the event which will be repeated July 23, 2006.

Door County beaches were involved in several closings in 2005 because of poor water quality. Both Murphy and Baileys Harbor beaches were among those occasionally closed by unknown sources of contamination.

Development of a 6-lane boat launch in the Little Sturgeon area was completed and opened June 1<sup>st</sup>. Robert M. Carmody County Park established a record number of launches its first year. This project is 100% funded with State and Federal Grants. We are still pursuing land across the street from the current

development for additional off-site parking. Funding for this development will be pursued after the land is purchased.

We continue to search for a potential Lake Michigan launch site.

The creation of a wayside on the Ahnapee Trail at Maplewood moved forward with the landscaping of the triangle in the spring of 2005. Closure of the gas station site on the north side of the trail was also completed. We hope to develop concepts for the restroom and parking area in 2006.

Work also continued on the possible extension of the Ahnapee Trail from Shiloh Road to the Bayview Bridge.

The Door County Parks Department was awarded an additional \$600,000.00 grant for the Olde Stone Quarry Redevelopment project. Grants for this project now total 3.4 million dollars. The additional 0.6 million needed for the project will be pursued in 2006. Construction started in July of 2005 with approximately 50% of the project being completed by the end of the year. Reopening of the park is expected in the late summer of 2006.

Management attended meetings with local towns, Wisconsin Waterways Commission, US Bureau of Land Management (BLM), WDNR and STS Consultants, Coastal Planning and attended several educational conferences. We also presented a public presentation on the history of the Door County Parks System, and participated in discussions with WDOT involving historical and archaeological concerns along the new highway 57 corridor.

Vandalism was at a minimum in 2005 with only several small incidents. Vandals broke hand sanitizor dispensers and threw picnic tables into the water at Cave Point. They also destroyed landscaping by driving over trees and shrubs at Murphy boat launch for a 4<sup>th</sup> year.

## GIFTS, GRANTS AND DONATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AWARDED IN 2005:

### Grants awarded from the DNR for the Snowmobile Trail Program:

➤ Maintenance 2005/2006 (S-3194). . . . . \$ 53,225.00

TOTAL DNR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANTS AWARDED	\$ 53,225.00
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### Grants awarded from the DNR Recreational Boating Facilities Program:

Olde Stone Quarry Development 2 (RBF-1030)	\$ 200,000.00
Chaudoir's Dock Repair/Rehabilitation (RBF-1081)	\$ 96,000.00
Chaudoir's Dock Repair/Rehabilitation (RBF-1081.1)	\$ 44,000.00

### Grants awarded from the DNR Sport Fish Restoration Program:

Olde Stone Quarry Access Development TEAW (RBF-1030)	\$ 400,000.00
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TOTAL DNR GRANTS AWARDED	\$ 740,000.00
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## DOOR COUNTY PARKS – 2005 REVENUE

### BOAT LAUNCHING FEES

RESIDENT ANNUAL PERMITS (\$25). . . . .	\$ 6,194.60
NON RESIDENT ANNUAL PERMITS (\$40). . . . .	\$ 1,882.66
DAILY PERMITS (\$5). . . . .	\$20,072.29
COUNTY ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS. . . . .	\$ 1,895.00
CHAUDOIR'S DOCK. . . . .	\$ 5,030.00

TOTAL BOAT LAUNCH INCOME	\$35,074.55
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### JOHN MILES PARK

#### MISC. BLDG & GROUND RENTALS

(Various Functions – Tools shows, Shrine Circus, Auctions, Door County Holstein Show, 4H Habitat for Humanity, Jaycees Haunted House, Clean Sweep, Door County Skate Etc.). . . . .	\$ 2,129.00
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#### BUILDING RENTAL-STORAGE

City of Sturgeon Bay, Bentley Powerboats, Inc. and other various storage rentals. . . . .	\$ 6,762.37
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#### RACETRACK RENTALS

Thunderhill Raceway – Stock Car - 18 races & Go-Kart - 15 races. . .	\$16,997.50
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TOTAL JOHN MILES PARK INCOME	\$25,888.87
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**PARKS MISCELLANEOUS RENTALS**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RENTALS	\$ 344.50
PARK FACILITY RENTALS	\$ 470.45

<b>TOTAL PARKS MISC. RENTALS INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 814.95</b>
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**GIFTS, GRANTS & DONATIONS***DNR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PROGRAM*

S-2921	SUPPLEMENT BALANCE 2003/2004. ....	\$ 4,099.09
S-3056	MAINTENANCE FINAL 2004/2005 . . . . .	\$ 26,725.00
S-3056	½ SUPPLEMENTAL 2004/2005 . . . . .	\$ 7,555.34
S-3056	¼ SUPPLEMENTAL 2004/2005 . . . . .	\$ 4,051.36
S-3194	½ MAINTENANCE 2005/2006 . . . . .	\$ 26,612.50

<b>TOTAL DNR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 69,043.29</b>
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*COST SHARE – DNR*

RBF-1030	OLDE STONE QUARRY DEVELOPMENT 2. ....	\$1,400,000.00
RBF-820	LITTLE STURGEON DEVELOPMENT. ....	\$ 320,000.00
RBF-1081	CHAUDOIR'S DOCK REPAIR/REHABILITATION. . .	\$ 48,000.00
SAG-093	AHNAPEE TRAIL MAPLEWOOD WAYSIDE	\$ 11,589.53

<b>TOTAL COST SHARE – DNR</b>	<b>\$1,779,589.53</b>
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*DONATIONS*

LASALLE PROPERTY ACQUISITION	
VARIOUS DONATIONS TOTALING. ....	\$ 27,655.00
DOOR COUNTY CENTURY BIKE TOUR. ....	\$ 97.25
JANE REYNOLDS CAVE POINT DONATION	\$ 1,000.00

<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 28,752.25</b>
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<b>TOTAL GIFTS, GRANTS &amp; DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$1,877,385.07</b>
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